

**Pokegama Lake Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2025**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by President Jim Nielsen at 9:00 am.

**Directors Present:** Stacey Bolton, Bobbi Eich, Jill Jakusz, Susan Kubitschek, Kathy Nielsen, Jim Nielsen

**Directors Absent:** Todd Griecar, Jim Hollihan, Luranne McLean

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes.** Gary Freer made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2024 membership meeting as presented. Mike Fraser seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Eich presented the Treasurer's report. Susan Kubitschek made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Mike Fraser seconded. The motion was approved.

**2025 Budget Approval.** Treasurer Eich presented the draft 2025 budget. Planned revenue for 2025 is \$84,225. Planned expenses are \$79,905. Pauline Royce made a motion to approve the 2025 budget. Steve Simonsen seconded. The motion carried.

**Gambling Manager's Report.** Kim Erickson presented the Gambling Report. The PLA processed 131 pull tab boxes in December. The cash audit was completed by members of the Gambling Audit Committee. Northwoods Steakhouse has decided to move their gambling operations to the Knife Lake Sportsmen's Club to support their local lake community. The change will be effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. Erickson noted the PLA's current star rating is 4.1. Susan Kubitschek made a motion to approve the Gambling Report. Jill Jakusz seconded. The motion passed.

Jill Jakusz made a motion to approve \$50,000 for February 2025 gambling expenses. Stacey Bolton seconded. The motion passed.

**Water Quality Committee Report.** The PLA will no longer be coordinating individual shoreline weed treatments. Lakeshore owners wishing to have this treatment done need to work directly with Lake Restoration, Inc. or another provider for this service. The PLA will continue its annual curlyleaf pondweed treatment program.

Chris Stephan, Jill Jakusz and Kathy Nielsen met this week to refine location options for the Nanobubbles pilot. The goal is to have the final site determined, with landowner approval, by the end of February.

**Weed Cutting Committee Report.** Nothing to report.

**Gambling Audit Committee.** The annual cash audit of each gambling location has been completed. Susan and Stacey praised the gambling staff for the excellent job they are doing in managing relationships with bar owners and staff. The Gambling Audit Committee has prepared a memo with recommendations for efficiency. Jim Nielsen expressed appreciation for the Gambling Committee members who committed a full day to perform the annual audit.

**Donations Committee.** Dave DeWitt made a motion to approve a donation of \$500 to the Pine City Arts Council for Art in the Park. Tom Rice seconded. The motion passed.

Dave Dewitt made a motion to approve a donation of \$4,000 to the PLA for truck repairs, auto insurance and first quarter utilities. Mike Fraser seconded. The motion passed.

**Communications Committee.** It is time to renew membership. The form is online.

**Social Committee.** Ladies Bunco night is January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

**Old Business.** Tom Rice reported that the owners of the strip mall by the new Aldi's may be willing to have us place a can cage in their parking lot.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, Steve Simonsen made a motion to adjourn. Mike Fraser seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Nielsen  
Secretary